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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KANG ET AL.

Examiner

EUNCHA P. CHERRY

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 4-6, 8-14 and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (Figs. 1 and 2) in view of Talbert.

The admitted prior art discloses a strengthened mirror structure comprising a planar reflection mirror having a reflection surface (Fig. 2, 17) and a back surface (see back surface of 17) and at least a strengthening element on the back surface of the planar reflection mirror (13). The strengthening element comprises a plurality of screw holes formed on opposite ends of the strengthening element and formed on portions of the strengthening element that do not cover the planar reflection mirror (see 18 and Fig. 2). The each screw passes through one of the screw holes for securing the strengthening element to an

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object (see Fig. 2). The strengthening element has planar shape for uniformly strengthening the planar reflection mirror (see 13 in Fig. 2). There is a screen (Fig. 1, 11) for a rear projection television (10). However, the admitted prior art does not disclose the strengthening element that is stuck on the back of the planar reflection mirror through an adhesive.

Talbert discloses the strengthening element (Fig. 3, 26) that is stuck on the back of the planar reflection mirror (A) through an adhesive (30), glue or twin adhesive (30 and 32 and column 5, lines 25-31. The strengthening element is smaller than the reflection mirror (see Fig. 6b and Fig. 7). The strengthening element is wider than the planar reflection mirror (see Fig. 3, compare A with 26).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the strengthening element of Talbert for the purpose of light weight due to honeycomb verse a solid strengthening member.

3. Claims 7 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the admitted prior art in view of Talbert, and further in view of Stang.

The admitted prior art in view of Talbert discloses the claimed invention as set forth above except that the honeycomb plate is formed of aluminum or paper. Stang discloses a

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strengthening element that is aluminum honeycomb (column 4, lines 49-51). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use honeycomb of Stang for the purpose of creating even lighter strengthening element.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated

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from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUNCHA P. CHERRY whose telephone number is 571-272-2310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DREW DUNN can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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